

The Passing of David Bell

David H. Bell, 90 (December 2, 1921 - June 23, 2012) was the loving husband of Laura Jeane Bell (nee Downey) and father of the late Mary Bell Fleming; the dear Father of David H. Bell, Roy D. Bell (Pat McLafferty), Thomas A. Bell (Janice), John D. Bell, Ruth Bell Greco (Michael), Keith E. Bell (Marianne), Dr. Richard F. Bell (Shelly), Rev. Howard S. Bell, Chaplain Major USAF Reserve (Rev. Dr. Penelope Barber), father-in-law of Lance Fleming and Darlene Bell; grandfather of Stacia Cockerham (Robert), Denise Carmichael (Gary), Maureen Bell-Warner (Paul), Stephanie Bell, Andrew Bell, Sally Pierce (Ken), John D. Bell, Jamie Penrod (Shelby), Melanie Risch (Nathan), Vincent Greco (Christina), Lauren Dorris (Ernie), Alison Bubenik (Joe), Jacqueline Greco, Nicole Lancaster (Dustin), Heather Bell, Rebecca Marshall (Mike), Nathan Fleming (Jenni), Jake Fleming, Aaron Bell, Emily Bell, David H. Bell and Rachel Bell; great-grandfather of 20, brother of Virginia Holzer, brother-in-law, uncle, great-uncle, and cousin. David was a retired Lt. Col. and served in the U.S. Army Aviation Systems Command. He served as a Director on the Ritenour Board of Education and as a Trustee & Street Commissioner for the Village of Sycamore Hills. He was active with St. Louis County Boy Scouts and the VFW Post 3944 (Chaplain 1990-2000). David joined the SAR on March 31, 1998. He was a Charter Member of the Fernando de Leyba Chapter Sons of the American Revolution, a member of the Sterling Price Camp Sons of Confederate Veterans, a member of Scotts American Bell clan, a member of Stephan Memorial United Methodist Church (holding numerous positions). He served as the Director of Lay-speakers Training, St. Louis North District UMC; as a member & Chairman of Commission of Archives & History MO East Conference UMC; and as a Federal Loaned Executive to United Way. He served on the American Field Service International Student Exchange, Council of Ministries (7 states) and with the S. Central Jurisdiction UMC. He was elected to the Ritenour High School Hall of Fame. David and his wife were residents of St. Louis, MO. In lieu of flowers, donations were requested to be sent to the David H. and Laura J. Bell Scholarship Fund (3028 Marshall, Charlack, MO 63114), the Mary Fleming Memorial (First United Methodist Church of Wood River, 6 North, Wood River, IL 62095), or the Laura Jeane Downey Bell Endowed Scholarship (Truman State University Foundation, McClain Hall 205, 100 East Normal Avenue, Kirksville, MO 630501-4221). Visitation was at BAUMANN COLONIAL CHAPEL, 2504 Woodson Road, Overland, MO on Tuesday, June 26, 2012 from 3:00 to 9:00 pm. A memorial Service was held at Harmony United Methodist Church, 2730 Walton Road, Charlack, MO on Sunday, July 1, 2012 at 2:00 pm. Private interment was at the Jefferson Barracks National Cemetery, St. Louis, MO.

David will be greatly missed.

